## **Advocacy referral quiz – learners’ question sheet**

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The Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act Part 10 Code of Practice (Advocacy) gives guidance on when local authorities must arrange for the provision of an Independent Professional Advocate to support their participation in decisions about their life.

From what you have learned on the course so far, try to decide if this applies in the following situations.

1. Ryan is a 35-year-old man with learning disabilities. He is about to be assessed to establish his care and support needs. He has no family and few friends. Communication with him can be difficult sometimes.
2. Darcie is a 55-year-old woman who has some minor cognitive difficulties following a head injury. She can express herself clearly but gets flustered in care planning meetings and sometimes forgets points that she meant to raise.
3. Mollie is a 70-year-old woman with problems in dressing, washing and cooking for herself. She has been in hospital for two months and is soon to be discharged. She can express herself very well but doesn’t feel confident in her knowledge of her options for support at home.
4. William has a history of schizophrenia. Difficult interactions with doctors in the past mean that he often gets anxious before medical appointments. He is about to go to a cardiology appointment in hospital for a heart operation where he wants to challenge the treatment options he has been given.
5. You have been working with Blake for some time. You believe he was able to participate effectively when his needs were assessed, and a care plan has already been drawn up and agreed. Blake now starts to raise some concerns about how the plan is going. He is finding this difficult. He has a brother who is happy to be involved, but Blake does not want him to know the details of his needs or support.
6. Megan lives in a nursing home and has no surviving family or friends. She has severe cognitive impairments. After several bouts of physical ill health it is recommended that she undergo tests to diagnose cancer. She has been assessed as not having the capacity to make this decision.
7. Olivia is living in her own home with no eligible care or support needs. She is subject to a Community Treatment Order under the Mental Health Act and want support to review the level of medication and side effects.
8. Alice is about to be the subject of a safeguarding review and it is likely that protective measures will need to be put in place to reduce the risks she faces. Her sister says she will make sure that Alice is represented in the meetings, and Alice is okay with this.
9. Max is a 19-year-old man with profound learning difficulties who has been living with his parents. You are helping explore how best to meet his needs in the future. His mother has identified support that seems to meet his needs and you agree with her suggestions.
10. Piotr is 70 years old and has just come to the attention of the local authority as having care and support needs. He has very limited English. He is about to be given information about his options and it is thought he might need support to access this.